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SUBJECT: UNESCO-UNEP ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT PERM DEL CONVEY TO ADG FOR
EDUCATION, TANGUINE, OUR VERY REAL DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE
MARCH ISSUE OF CONNECT, THE UNESCO-UNEP ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION NEWSLETTER, AND STRONGLY PROTEST THE COMPLETE
OMISSION OF ANY REPORT, LET ALONE COMMENT, ON THE
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE HELD IN ST. LOUIS,
OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR.

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2. PERM DEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE ST. LOUIS MEETING
WAS FUNDED BY UNESCO AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES WITH SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVELY CONCERNED WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT
THIS CONFERENCE, WHICH INVOLVED THE PARTICIPATION OF
SEVERAL HUNDRED PROFESSIONALS AND MADE A NUMBER OF

RECOMMENDATIONS TO UNESCO, IS AGAIN IGNORED AND BYPASSED BY THE SECRETARIAT. PERM DEL SHOULD NOTE THAT SPONSORS OF THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE WERE FIRST TOLD BY THE SECRETARIAT

THAT THE REPORT OF THEIR MEETING WOULD BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE HELSINKI EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS. THEN, WHEN THIS DID NOT OCCUR, SPONSORS WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE WOULD BE FULLY REPORTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF CONNECT.

3. WE FEEL THIS SERIOUS LACK OF FOLLOW THROUGH IS EXTREMELY COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AND WILL BE MOST DISTURBING TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED AND EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY IN THIS EFFORT --TO SAY NOTHING OF THE WASTE OF PROGRAM FUNDS BY THE SECRETARIAT. CHRISTOPHER

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